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24th Arizona Indian Town Hall

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The Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs (ACIA) is proud to announce that the **24th Arizona Indian Town Hall** will be held **June 7-9, 2004** at the **Doubletree La Posada Resort** in Scottsdale, Ariz. This year's theme is: ***Building Partnerships to Strengthen Families, Communities and Cultures.***

This year's topic and discussion subjects were selected from concerns voiced by Arizona tribes, legislation filed and the state's priorities. Three subjects will be covered: Education, intergovernmental relations and cultural concerns.

The AIMS test, which will determine graduation from Arizona public schools, has been part of the school system for four years. The majority of Native American children in Arizona attend state public schools. How is the AIMS test working to measure academic progress in tribal communities? This subject was covered during the 20th Arizona Indian Town Hall in 2000.

Another education issue of concern to tribes is the possibility of public school consolidation and/or unification. How could a new policy of consolidation affect reservation schools?

Intergovernmental relationships have engaged the tribes and state for decades as they struggle to establish and maintain the ties vital to effective service delivery to com-

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Director's Report

Ron S. Lee, Executive Director

This year's Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day (INTLD) was the best-attended to date, with nearly 500 people in attendance. The legislative committee hearings were well-attended by tribal members, and the joint protocol session was well-received also.

And the Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs (ACIA), the nation's oldest state agency dedicated to the furtherance of tribal-state relations celebrated its 50th anniversary with cake and well-wishing from all in attendance.

We would like to thank the tribal leaders, agency officials and community members who made the time to come to the State Capitol and make their voices heard at the State Legislature. We would also like to thank the

Arizona State Legislature, its leaderships and committee chairs for their invaluable assistance in putting together the day's events. And of course, we thank our sponsors, without whom we could not host the day.

In the future, we would like to see INTLD grow into an entire week of committee hearings, meetings between tribal leaders and legislators, and even more roundtable sessions and opportunities for community members to educate legislators on issues of concern to the 22 Indian Tribes and Nations in Arizona.

During the 46th Arizona Legislature's final regular session, several bills of interest to tribes made the rounds. Some, such as HB 2148, the San Carlos Apache license plate bill and HB 2244, the

Zuni water rights settlement bill passed through without a hitch and were signed by the Governor. Also, SB 1055, which enables tribal child welfare agencies to send children to independent living facilities for therapeutic treatment, sailed through the process.

Other bills were not so fortunate. For instance, HB 2429, which would have established a legislative study committee on tribal-state relations, including developing partnerships and other facets of working together, didn't get anywhere. A bill to require counties to perform autopsies on tribal members within four days of passing on went nowhere, although another bill, HB 2565 was successfully amended with a similar provision to complete the ex-

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Dawn Melvin is new NA Tourism Development Manager

PHOENIX—The Arizona Office of Tourism (AOT) this month ramped up its support for the development of Arizona's Native American tourism assets with the addition of a new staff member focused exclusively on that initiative.

Dawn Ann Melvin [right] joined AOT on March 22 to fill the newly created position of Native American Tourism Development Manager. She comes to AOT from Arizona State University West, where she served as Senior Coordinator for Student Development and Native American Student Services Programs, after earning her degree there in Recreation and Tourism Management in 1999. Melvin, who is Navajo and Hopi, has been involved previously with the Arizona American Indian Tourism Association (AAITA), the



Arizona Tourism Alliance and the Glendale Office of Tourism.

AOT created the position to guide its efforts to assist Arizona's Native American communities in developing and promoting their tourism offerings. Having a full-time staff member dedicated to Native American tourism will enable AOT to provide continuous outreach to tribes and offer them the agency's expertise and resources. The responsibilities also include oversight of AOT's Native American Tourism Advisory Committee, established this past December.

"Arizona's Native American communities are an integral part of the uniqueness that makes the state a global destination," AOT Director Margie A. Emmermann said. "Arizona has tremendous undeveloped potential in the area of culture and heritage

tourism, and the addition of Dawn to the AOT team will go a long way to helping the tribes and the state realize that potential."

AOT has numerous resources and programs available to tribal communities, Melvin said, but the agency needs to raise awareness of these opportunities and expand them as it gains a better understanding of the communities' tourism development goals.

"I look forward to working with the team of professionals at AOT to take Arizona's Native American tourism initiative to the next level," she said.

Established in 1975, the Arizona Office of Tourism is charged with enhancing the economy of the state through development and expansion of the tourism industry. AOT works to serve the Arizona travel industry and related businesses, the traveling public and the taxpayers of Arizona.

For more information, call Dawn at (602) 364-3707 or visit www.arizonaguide.com.

(Continued from page 1) **Indian Town Hall** communities. What does a government-to-government relationship mean at the state level? What are the state and the tribe's expectation of a government-to-government relationship?

In 2003, Gov. Janet Napolitano issued an executive order charging state agencies and the State Procurement Board with soliciting more bids from minority and woman-owned firms. How can the tribes and state partner to ensure that the governor's goals are met and ensure Native American businesses equitable access to state contracts?

State and local governments still lag in Native Americans working in government at all levels. How can the state and tribes work to recruit and retain Native Americans in state government positions?

The cultural issues forum will tackle several concerns. Many tribes have religious and cultural objections to autopsies. How can the tribes and the state work to address this sensitive issue in a way that both respects reli-

gious preferences and protects the rights of crime and accident victims and their families?

In 2003, the State Board of Geographic and Historic Names voted to change the name of Squaw Peak to Piastewa Peak, to honor fallen Native American soldier Lori Piastewa, a member of the Hopi Tribe. A possible ballot referendum, either one offered this year or in future years, could change the structure of this board. This change could result in a reversion of the name change. What are the issues and concerns of Arizona communities about this referendum and possible changes to the board and to geographic names?

As a result of increased tourism, the Arizona economy is recovering. A major part of tribal tourism is the sale of Native arts and crafts. These sales are a major part of many tribal communities' economies, and often spell the difference between prosperity and poverty for many Native families.

However, the flood of counterfeit Native American art and crafts is se-

verely impacting the ability of Native artisans to make a living at their craft, and is also a violation of both federal and state law. How can the state and federal governments enhance their work with tribes to stem the flow of fake art and ensure the rights of Native artisans to sell their work?

Over an intensive 2 ½-day forum, Indian Town Hall participants will discuss and make recommendations on these issues of vital concern to Arizona communities. Make your plans now to attend and participate in this vital discussion.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for the Indian Town Hall; please contact ACIA for more information.

For more information on the Indian Town Hall or the Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs, contact ACIA at (602) 542-3123 or visit our Web site, www.indianaffairs.state.az.us.

Transportation more than just roads, says Gov at tribal summit

FORT MCDOWELL YAVAPAI COMMUNITY—Airport funding, transit services for the elderly and disabled, road maintenance and bridge safety are issues discussed at any transportation forum. However, Arizona tribes must also deal with highways that turn into rivers after rainstorms, axles torn out of school buses traversing roads little more than cattle tracks, lack of signage directing tourists to attractions and a patchwork of jurisdictions that hinder



[l-r]: Sen. Albert Hale, Gov. Napolitano and Fort McDowell President Raphael Bear at the summit

planning efforts.

Gov. Janet Napolitano discussed these and other issues during the Governor's Tribal Summit on Transportation, held Mar. 10 at the Fort McDowell Recreation Center and hosted by the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation. The summit was the fifth held on a variety of intergovernmental issues between Napolitano and tribal leaders.

Arizona Department of Transportation Director Victor Mendez acknowledged that both tribal and state transportation agencies must make do with limited funds and staff in the wake of the state's budget woes and the delayed reauthorization of the federal transportation bill, known as TEA-21. "We've prioritized safety issues for maintenance" of state roads, said Mendez. "There's not as much flexibility in the maintenance budget as in the construction budget."

Safety is the number one concern for the White Mountain Apache Tribe, said Council Member Margaret Baha-Walker. "We have lots of people driving to Sunrise Ski Resort" and other attractions on the reservation, and lots of accidents from wintry conditions, said Baha-Walker. She also opposes a proposal to close two ADOT maintenance

yards on the reservations.

Several tribes called for the state to return full use of the air property tax to ADOT for use in airport maintenance and construction. Hopi Chairman Wayne Taylor said that his reservation desperately needs a new airport for medical transport. "This is our home; we want to spend the next 1000 years here," said Taylor, who also deals with axles torn from school buses along one major route that's little more than a dirt trail and roads that become rivers after monsoons.

Arizona's largest and smallest reservations have similar transit issues. Mark Maryboy, who heads the Navajo Nation's transportation department, spoke on his efforts to juggle maintaining 4,600 miles of roadway running through his 12-million acre reservation while dealing with federal, state, tribal, county and municipal jurisdictions. Tonto Apache Chairperson Vivian Burdette spoke on her tiny tribe's efforts to maintain her 1.8 mile highway and provide secondary access to her 85-acre reservation just outside of Payson. The road, which needs major repairs, is used by both public and tribal vehicles. The tribe cannot qualify for grants because of its enterprises. "It goes back to the fact that we're small," said Burdette. "It makes me very unhappy to be treated like this."

Tribes must frequently supplement scant state DPS and emergency services, say leaders. Gila River Chief of Police Ken Witkowski said that his department is usually the first responder to car crashes along I-10 between Chandler and Casa Grande. Salt River Pima-Maricopa President Joni Ramos noted that her tribe's emergency service responds to car crashes along S. R. 101 so often that her people risk being without adequate emergency response.

FMYN President Raphael Bear said that his 24,000-acre community is often overlooked in Maricopa County's transportation plan. Bear said that two culverts running under Fort McDowell Road flood during storms, cutting many community members off from the major road running through the reservation. The

road is maintained by the county, said Bear, who asked the governor's assistance in dealing with the county. FMYN is also wrestling with right-of-way issues in its project to construct traffic lights along the Beeline Highway for access to the tribe's new developments, and with signage.

Bear also supports a connector road to the Bush Highway and construction of S.R. 303 from Dynamite Road to the Beeline Highway, to provide greater access to the community and its attractions.

Tribes put out a strong call for at least one tribal seat on the State Transportation Board to aid in long-term planning. "We need greater input in the state's decision-making process," said Bear.

Napolitano concurred with tribes' recommendations. "Maintenance is as important as construction," said Napolitano. Safety is a top priority in transportation, and regional conditions like snow and heat need to be taken into consideration, added the governor. DPS staffing, signage for tourism promotion and transit for tribal members are also big problems, said Napolitano, who noted that several concerns were being

addressed in her budget. "Your timing is good," as budget negotiations with the Legislature are in process, said Napolitano.

The governor agreed that tribes need to be included in long-range transportation planning; however, adding seats on the STB

will require a change in state law. But, the governor pledged to restore a partnership process between the state and tribes that had languished in recent years. "Unless leaders sit at the table and talk, government-to-government relations has no meaning," said Napolitano.

Past summits yield results

As a result of past summits, the Arizona Department of Education has instituted working groups on the AIMS

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FMYN Public Relations Manager Michele Crank encourages the crowd to visit FMYN's attractions

News Digest

Hopi appointed as ASM Director
TUCSON—Hartman H. Lomawaima (Hopi) ha been appointed as the new director of the Arizona State Museum. Lomawaima served as Associate Director from May 1994 until August 2002 when he became Interim Director. Hartman will also continue to serve as a professor for the University of Arizona's American Indian Studies Program.

Lomawaima hails from the village of Sipalovi, Second Mesa, Arizona. After graduating from Harvard, Lomawaima [below] has held several positions in museums, including the Hearst Museum at the University of California at Berkeley. He also serves or has served on boards including the



American Association of Museums, the National Museum of the American Indian, and the Hopi Education Endowment Fund.

The Arizona State Museum (ASM) specializes in the archaeology and ethnology of the American Southwest and north Mexico. It is a state governmental agency with legislative mandates to oversee the state's antiquities and repatriation laws. It is the recipient of a White House grant for the preservation of America's Treasures in support of its unique pottery collection. (*University of Arizona, March 5*)

Kayenta teacher wins \$25,000 award

KAYENTA—A Kayenta Middle School teacher got the surprise of her career when she was presented with a \$25,000 check at a school assembly last Friday.

Language Arts teacher Patricia Saganey Wayne, from Kayenta, was

given the check that came as part of the 2003 Milken Family Foundation National Education Award.

Wayne is the second Navajo to receive the award. Last year the award went to Charlotte Begay, an adult education coordinator with the child education program at Wingate Elementary School in Ft. Wingate, N. M.

She is Nakai Dine'e (Mexican People Clan), born for Todich'ii'nii (Bitter Water Clan). Her chei's clan is Kinyaa'nii (Towering House People Clan) and her nali's clan is Tl'iziani (Many Goats Clan).

Arizona Superintendent Tom Horne traveled from Phoenix to make the surprise announcement and presentation. Horne spoke about the importance of teachers before making the announcement.

After 13 years of teaching, she said her students are the reason she returns each academic year.

"You can see how fun they are, this is where I have all the fun," Wayne said in her classroom. She also believes teachers have to be parents to their students.

The \$25,000 check can be used however the recipients wish. Wayne said she wasn't sure how she'd spend the money. (*Navajo Times, Jan. 15*)

Native American educator receives Child abuse prevention award

MESA—Theresa Natoni Price, director of Indian education for Mesa Public Schools in Mesa, Arizona and past president of Arizona Indian Educator's Association will receive Greater Phoenix Child Abuse Prevention Council's Cherish the Children Award during their annual conference on April 1st in Glendale, Arizona.

Theresa serves on Mesa United Way's Ready to Learn Executive Committee, City of Scottsdale Ready to Learn Executive Committee, and is a key member of the Native American Ready to Learn Advisory Committee in concert with Native Village (a key partner in the initiative).

Theresa and the team designed and developed "What We Have Always Known", materials and a video designed by, with, and for Native Ameri-

can's featuring relevant information about cultural child rearing practices and traditions passed down through the centuries.

Theresa is the first Native American recipient of the award. For more information about the initiative or Theresa contact Diane Fausel at email: diane.fausel@unitedway.org.

Ivan Makil and DeDe Yazzie Devine are Man and Woman of year

PHOENIX—Two people with strong ties to Native Americans have been selected Valley Leadership's 2003 Man and Woman of the Year.

Ivan Makil, former president of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and Diana "Dede" Yazzie Devine, president and CEO of Native American Connections Inc., were described as "true humanitarians (who) were selected for their unparalleled and selfless contributions to improving our communities at large."

Makil and Devine will be honored at a luncheon sponsored by APS and The Arizona Republic at the Arizona Biltmore Pavilion on April 21.

Founded in 1979, Valley Leadership's mission is to enhance the abilities of individuals to serve and strengthen our communities.

"These two individuals have traveled very different paths to positions of leadership, each using their unique experiences and passions to revolutionize our thinking in Arizona," said Scott Jacobson, executive director of Valley Leadership.

He praised Makil for playing "a major role in altering our consciousness and our approach to strategic planning and thinking in this country. He also continues to foster a greater understanding of how the American Indian communities of this nation play an integral role in the future of our economics and way of life."

He also said Devine "has become the voice of reason and compassion in this community, thereby gaining the attention and trust of service providers, policymakers, government officials and the business community." (*Arizona Republic, Mar. 15*)

Arizona Site Stewards: Regional stewards' workshops aid in communication and better understanding

by Mary Estes, Arizona Site Steward Program Coordinator, Arizona State Historic Preservation Office

From the chalking of petroglyphs on the Arizona Strip, to the digging for Spanish treasure behind the Chapel at the Presidio de Santa Cruz de Terranate near Sierra Vista--from Arizona's northern rim to its southern border--Arizona Site Stewards monitor heritage resources and report vandalism to the appropriate land manager, i.e., it was an Arizona Site Steward from Tucson who reported the damage at the La Osa. When the damage is significant, the land managers consult with staff from various tribal cultural resource offices and tribal elders.

Site Stewards, non-law enforcement volunteers, are charged with the mission of protecting Arizona's unique heritage through monitoring and reporting. For a better understanding of

the indigenous point of view with regards to the preservation of their culture, we invite tribal members to speak at the Program's workshops and annual conference. For instance, on January 17, 2004, the Program had a workshop in Meadview (in the Lake Mead area) in which Loretta Jackson, the Hualapai Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, spoke on "Protecting Traditional Cultural Places and Sacred Sites."

At a workshop in Ajo on January 24, a number of presentations were by tribal members. Peter Steere, Joseph Joaquin, Ana Antone and Bernard Siquieros with the Tohono O'odham Nation Cultural Affairs Department spoke to the 107 workshop attendees on the Nation's efforts with managing its cultural resources.

The Honorable Ned Norris, Jr., the vice-chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation, made a presentation

of the problem the Nation is experiencing with illegal border crossers. Barnaby Lewis, the Cultural Resource Specialist for the Gila River Indian Community, reminded the group to "show respect and dignity" to the culture of Arizona's indigenous communities. John Fryar, a Special Agent with the BIA and Acoma tribal member, and Garry Cantley, Regional Archaeologist for the BIA, presented a session at both workshops on the problem of interstate and international trafficking in artifacts.

Future workshops are planned for the Show Low area in September and in the Phoenix area in November. For more information about the workshops or the Arizona Site Steward Program, the State Historic Preservation Office invites interested persons to call Mary Estes (602) 542-7143; or e-mail at mestes@pr.state.az.us.

Census Bureau launches new American Community Survey--tribes to begin receiving surveys

The U.S. Census Bureau recently launched a new American Community Survey. This new survey randomly selects families to complete a survey on employment, housing, income and other demographic information. The ACS is a vital complement to the decennial census, which relies on a shorter form to collect a limited amount of data.

Full implementation of the American Community Survey is planned in every county of the United States. The survey will include three million households, including tribal families both on- and off-reservation. Data are collected by mail; the Census Bureau staff will personally follow up with those who do not respond.

The American Community Survey will provide estimates of demographic, housing, social, and economic characteristics every year for all states, as well as for all cities, counties, metropolitan areas, and population groups of 65,000 people or more. Eventually, this

collection effort will include samples of households in areas as small as census tracts.

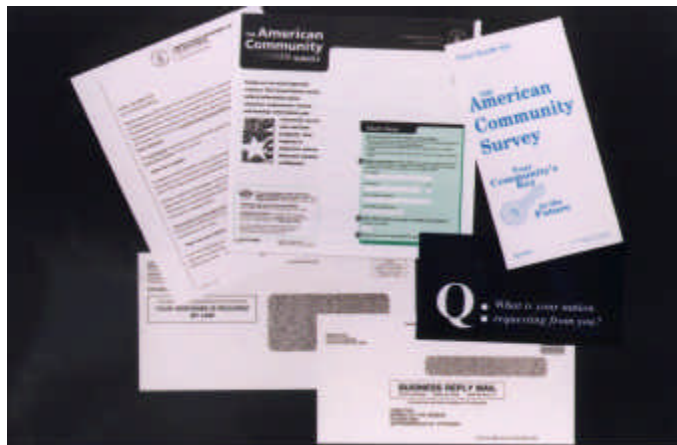
The Census Bureau will compile the information collected into a comprehensive picture of communities, including income, housing, poverty and school data for use by public and private entities to obtain funding for many programs and grants, as well as provide justification for appropriation requests.

The information collected by the Census Bureau is kept in strictest confidence; you will not be identified in any way.

When you see these materials with the Census Bureau logo, take a few minutes to fill them out and return them right away. If you don't return them

by mail, a Census Bureau worker will call upon you to help fill out the form in person.

If you have any questions or comments about the American Community Survey or the Census 2000 Supplementary Survey, please call 1-888-456-7215 or e-mail cmo.acs@census.gov. Help your tribal community obtain funding by filling out the ACS survey.



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aminations within four days when possible. In fact, HB 2565 was formally introduced by Hopi Chairman Wayne Taylor during INTLD!

Other bills of interest to tribes can be found on our Web site, www.indianaffairs.state.az.us. We will also have a tribal bill summary available at the 24th Arizona Indian Town Hall, to be held June 7-9 at the La Posada Resort in Scottsdale.

We would like to welcome our readers in attendance at the Indian Town Hall. For those of our readers who receive the ACIA Newsletter electronically, we cordially invite you to participate in Arizona's longest-running tribal-state relations forum. On-site registrations are welcome, and you will have a hand in helping develop recommendations for enhancing intergovernmental relations and legislation to benefit tribal communities.

This year, we have chosen three subjects, in order to collaborate with Gov. Napolitano's Tribal Summits: education, intergovernmental relations and culture.

We are also very excited about some new partners in this year's Indian Town Hall. First, Arizona Public Service has been instrumental in helping ACIA plan for this Town Hall, and we have high hopes for a continued partnership. Next, the Native Nations Institute for Leadership, Management, and Policy at the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy, University of Arizona, has graciously prepared a report on intergovernmental agreements, which will be delivered during the keynote speech during lunch on Monday, June 7.

Finally, thanks to APS's help, Arizona State University will become a new research partner for subsequent Indian Town Halls. We will solicit recommendations for the next several years' topics at the conclusion of the 24th In-

dian Town Hall, and we look forward to a long and productive relationship with both ASU and the other two major state universities.

ACIA will also begin revising its Strategic Plan in July. The Strategic Plan is ACIA's blueprint for success.

To learn more on this and other ACIA activities, contact us at (602) 542-3123 or visit our Web site, www.indianaffairs.state.az.us. We want to hear from our stakeholders on their concerns, and we look forward to another 50 years of "building partnerships to enhance communication and intergovernmental relations with Arizona's 22 Indian Tribes and Nations."



Actor Rick Schroeder [above] speaks at the ceremony at the Capitol Mall marking the end of the "Healing Path" walk on May 23. John Tsosie [above, right] led a group of walkers from Fort Defiance to Phoenix to raise awareness of substance abuse and domestic abuse on reservations. Walkers posed with sponsors and legislators after enjoying lunch on the Capitol lawn [below]



COPPERx CARD EASES PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CONFUSION

Arizona's Medicare-eligible seniors have access to a card that is free, offers significant discounts and is much easier to use than any of the new Medicare prescription drug discount cards. That card is Arizona's **CoppeRx Card**.

"The federal Medicare discount cards are just plain confusing," said Governor Janet Napolitano. "In Arizona, there are dozens of different cards, with different enrollment fees, different coverage limits, different discounts – with absolutely no roadmap that helps figure out which card is the right card to use."

"The CoppeRx Card is already here, and it's easy. Nearly 37,000 CoppeRx Cards have been issued in Arizona. Seniors who are using it have saved more than \$2 million this year."

The CoppeRx Card is: free; anyone who is eligible for Medicare benefits, including disability recipients, is entitled to the CoppeRx Card. It can be used for all prescription drug purchases. Just present it to any one of 500 pharmacies throughout Arizona to receive a discount of 15% - 55% prescription purchases. The CoppeRx Card does not expire in 2006. It is an on-going service of the State of Arizona.

It is easy to sign up for the CoppeRx Card. Anyone who is eligible but has not yet received a CoppeRx Card in the mail can call **(888) 227-8315**.

In addition, low-income seniors also qualify for the free Copper Plus Card. Individuals earning less than \$18,000 per year, or households earning less than \$24,000 per year qualify for the **Copper Plus Card**, by which they can purchase any Lilly brand pharmaceutical for \$12 per month for each prescription.

A chart that compares the CoppeRx Card to many of the

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Note: The Commission is composed of 7 Indian members and 2 non-Indian members-at-large appointed by the Governor, and 8 ex-officio members.

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Medicare-approved cards that are usable in Arizona is available on the Governor's website, www.governor.state.az.us.

Governor Napolitano added, "I urge every Arizonan without an insurance plan that includes prescription drugs to keep a free Arizona CoppeRx Card in their wallets and purses. You have nothing to lose and substantial discounts to gain with your Copper Card. Just hand the pharmacist your CoppeRx Card and any other discount card you have, Medicare-approved or otherwise. The pharmacist will tell you which card produces the bigger discount at the time of purchase. Use the card that saves you the most money."

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test, unmet funding needs, and other issues. Most Native American students attend Arizona public schools, even on reservations. The state also applied for and received a \$5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to train and retain American Indian teachers in reservation communities.

A statewide conference to address health issues in American Indian communities will be held in August. The Arizona Department of Housing launched the Arizona Tribal Housing Initiative with a \$2 million grant from the federal government in October 2003. The Arizona Office of Tourism has hired a Native American tourism development manager and has instituted a tribal tourism advisory group. And the governor has appointed 48 Native Americans to state boards and commissions.

Tribal leaders are optimistic that the summits will bear more fruit. For instance, Yavapai-Apache Chairman Jamie Fullmer says he appreciates the follow-up to previous summits. "I've heard nothing but good come from them," says Fullmer.

Napolitano says that the most important result to come out of the summits is "communication—it's the foundation of the relationship between the tribes and state that we're building."

Calendar of Events

- ⇒ **June 7-July 2: 25th Annual American Indian Language Development Institute (AILDI).** University of Arizona, Tucson. Call 520-621-8174 or email AILDI@u.arizona.edu
- ⇒ **June 7-9: 24th Arizona Indian Town Hall.** Double-tree La Posada Resort, Scottsdale. Call ACIA at 602-542-3123 or visit the Indian Town Hall page.
- ⇒ **June 15-17: Tribal Asset Building.** Native American Connections, Phoenix. Call 540-371-5615 ext. 47.
- ⇒ **June 18-20: Gathering of the Pairs.** This year's event hosted by the Yavapai - Prescott Indian Tribe, Prescott. Call 928-445-8790.
- ⇒ **June 18-19: 2nd Annual Heard Museum Film Festival.** Heard Museum, Phoenix. Call 602.252.8848.
- ⇒ **June 25-29: 2004 National UNITY Conference.** Wild Horse Pass Resort, Gila River Indian Community. Visit www.unityinc.org for information.
- ⇒ **June 24-26: American Indian Language Development Institute (AILDI) Mini-Conference.** University of Arizona, Tucson. Call 520-621-8174 or email AILDI@u.arizona.edu
- ⇒ **July 24: Native American Day at Bank One Ballpark.** Colorado Rockies vs. Arizona Diamondbacks. Pregame performances, information booths, Inter-Tribal Youth Invitational Tournament participants honoring and awards. Tickets available at Inter Tribal Council at 602-258-4822 or Phoenix Indian Center, 602-264-6768.

Arizona Community Action

- ⇒ **American Indian Chamber of Commerce:** Meetings usually held on the 3rd Friday of each month. Call Margaret Rodriguez at 480-497-1997 or email margaret@authumki.com.
- ⇒ **Arizona American Indian Tourism Association (AAITA):** Organized to promote "environmentally acceptable, culturally appropriate and economically sustainable" Native American tourism. Meets quarterly. 480-315-8187.
- ⇒ **American Indian Veterans Memorial Organization (AIVMO):** Organized to build a national memorial to honor all American Indian veterans. All veterans and their families are welcome. Board of Directors meeting is held the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM, at Arizona State Veterans' Home, 4141 N. 3rd Street, Room 107A, Phoenix. 602-954-0115.
- ⇒ **Urban Indian Coalition:** Meets at locations throughout the Valley. Call Bonny Beach at 602-258-4477.
- ⇒ **Native American Recognition Days (NARD) Planning Committee:** Call Philissa Calamity at 602-495-0901 for information or to volunteer for October's festivities.
- ⇒ **American Indian Prevention Coalition.** Hosts conferences on wellness, substance abuse and domestic violence issues. Call Lola Allison at 602-258-4498, or go to <http://www.ndns4wellness.org>.
- ⇒ **Tohono O'odham Community Action.** Cooperative venture in Sells that aids traditional artisans and farmers. Call Terroll Johnson at 520-383-4966.

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